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1. ONE-DAY LIAISON COMMITTEE SESSION ENDED WITH AFTERNOON MEETING DEVOTED GENERAL DISCUSSION OUR MERGER PROPOSAL WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS AS STATED REFTEL A AND PREAMBLE AS IN ORIGINAL TEXT. FRANCE HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED DEFEAT OUR INITIATIVE INCLUDING ITEM ON LIAISON COMMITTEE AGENDA AND THEN ABSTAINED FROM ALL COMMENT THIS ISSUE. MOST OF 17 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT AT LIAISON COMMITTEE SESSION SUPPORTED OUR PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE ALTHOUGH SOME EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS THAT TIME ELEMENT WAS UNREALISTIC GIVEN SLOWNESS OF UN MACHINERY AND TIME IT WOULD TAKE COUNCIL GOVERNMENTS TO APPROVE ADOPTION MEASURE AT COUNCIL SESSION.

2. TALK WITH MANY LDC REPRESENTATIVES RE OUR PROPOSAL SHOWED MOST WERE UNINSTRUCTED AND THEREFORE FAVORED

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VAGUE LANGUAGE.

3. SEC GEN ZOLLNER, AS EXPECTED, SPOKE AT LENGTH ON WHAT HE CONSIDERED ILLOGICAL APPROACH OF SET GOALS OF MERGER BEFORE STUDY UNDERTAKEN AND REITERATED HIS USUAL THEME THAT PARTNER OF ISVS SHOULD BE UN AND NOT JUST UNDP. HE APPEALED FOR CONSENSUS OF FLEXIBILITY ON ISSUE. NO ONE PICKED UP HIS THEMES BUT HE MAY WELL LOBBY FOR THEM AT COUNCIL SESSION.

4. OTHER LIAISON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS HANDLED WITH MINIMUM DEBATE. ON QUESTION OF BUDGET, LIAISON COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED ITSELF INTO WORKING GROUP TO TAKE CLOSE LOOK AT BUDGET IN LIGHT OF ADDITIONAL INFO SUPPLIED BY SECRETARIAT AT DUTCH REQUEST. SECRETARIAT ADMITTED DEFICIT BALANCE ON HAND OF LAST FISCAL YEAR OF \$36,146 (COMPARED TO \$89,000 PREVIOUS FY); PRESENT BANK DEFICIT OF \$124,557 (DESCRIBED CLOSE TO CREDIT CEILING OF SWISS BANK); SF 76,000 PAID IN CONTRIBUTIONS OUT OF TOTAL SF 1,192,000 PLEDGED; AND EXPENDITURES AS OF SEPT 30, 1973 OF SF 334,802.

5. BLEAK FINANCIAL PICTURE CLEAR TO ALL. WE STRESSED THIS IN OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS. WE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED OUR REDUCED CONTRIBUTION FOR FY75. FRANCE TERMED BUDGET TOO OPTIMISTIC AND SUGGESTED IT BE CUT 10-15 PERCENT.

6. IN VIEW REFTTEL B AND TELECON OCT 9, DELEGATION WILL STAND FAST ON OUR RESOLUTION AND IF UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING IT PASSED, WILL CALL FOR VOTE ON ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. BASSIN

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